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SUBJECT: SUDAN DENIES ETHIOPIAN ALLEGATIONS

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1. SUDAN HAS QUICKLY REACTED TO ETHIOPIAN ALLEGATIONS OF ARMED INTERVENTION WITH VIGOROUS MEDIA CAMPAIGN. NEWSPAPERS APRIL 13 CITE SENIOR DEFENSE MINISTRY SOURCE DENIAL OF ANY SUDANESE AGGRESSION TOWARD ETHIOPIA. THIS STATEMENT NOTES SUDANESE ARMED FORCES ON ALERT AND READY FOR ANY DEFENSIVE ACTIVITY. AL-AYAM (BUT NOT RPT NOT SAHAF) INCLUDES STATEMENT BY MINDEF OFFICIAL THAT SUDANESE TROOPS ARE UNDER STRICT ORDERS NOT RPT NOT TO CROSS BORDER INTO ETHIOPIA.

2. SUNA APRIL 31 PUBLISHED STATEMENT FROM QUOTE RELIABLE UNQUOTE SOURCE IN PRESIDENCY. THIS STATEMENT INDICATES CONFIDENTIAL

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ETHIOPIAN ALLEGATIONS SHOULD BE IGNORED AND GOES ON TO CRITICIZE EPMG FOR NOT HANDLING MATTER THROUGH EXISTING DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. MOST OF STATEMENT IN SUNA DEVOTED TO CRITICIZING EPMG, WITH EMPHASIS ON SUDANESE READINESS DEFEND ITS TERRITORIES. IN ADDITION NEWS ARTICLES ALL COMMENTARY IN SUDANESE PAPERS WEDNESDAY MORNING SUPPORTS SUDAN GOV REACTION TO ETHIOPIAN ALLEGATIONS. ONE NEWSPAPER ITEM

ALLEGED THAT, WHEN EPMG FORCES ENCIRCLED METEMMA
RECENTLY DURING BATTLE THERE, IT COMMITTED AGGRESSION
AGAINST SUDAN. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. COMMENT: WITH ETHIOPIAN ALLEGATIONS DELIVERED TO OAU,
MENGISTU SPEECH, AND NOW SUDANESE REACTION, APPEARS WE IN
FOR FULL-SCALE MEDIA BATTLE BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN.
MENGISTU'S AD HOMINUM ATTACK AGAINST NIMEIRI APPEARS TO
HAVE ELICITED RISE OUT OF SUDANESE. EMBOFF WITNESSED SENIOR
MILITARY OFFICER LECTURING ETHIOPIAN MILITARY ATTACHE ON
THIS POINT AT SOCIAL OCCASION EVENING APRIL 12. WHILE WE
SUSPECT SUDAN GOV HAS PROVIDED CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT FOR
ERITREANS AND EDU, WE HAVE NO INFO WHICH SUGGESTS SUDANESE
TROOPS IN UNIFORM HAVE ENTERED ETHIOPIA. THEREFORE,
HOWEVER SUDANESE ACTIONS MAY BE VIEWED IN ADDIS, SUDAN GOV
PROBABLY BELIEVES IT HAS IN FACT NOT COMMITTED ANY AGGRESSION,
STRICTLY SPEAKING, AGAINST ETHIOPIA.
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